Northumberland County
Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL **April 24, 2026**

Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario),
Honourable Trevor Jones (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness),
Honourable Todd McCarthy (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks),
Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing),
Honourable Victor Fedeli (Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade),
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South),
Ontario Federation of Agriculture,
Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
All Municipalities in Ontario

Re: Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

At a meeting held on April 15, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved the following Resolution # 2026-04-15-251 adopting the below recommendation from the April 1, 2026 Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Olena Hankivksy
Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee receive the correspondence from Township of North Dumfries regarding 'Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025', for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council support the correspondence."

Council Resolution # 2026-04-15-251 **Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at bennettt@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,

Tonia Bennett
Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By O. Hankivsky

Seconded By J. Logel

Agenda Item 10.a

Resolution Number 2026-04-15- 251

Council Date: April 15, 2026

"**That** Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held March 30, 31 and April 1, 2026), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Social Services Committee, Item 9.a, 310 Division Street Community Liaison Committee Meeting - Minutes – Held by Councillor Cleveland; and

Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried _____
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Economic Development, Tourism, & Land Use Planning Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: April 1, 2026

Agenda Item: 7.b

Resolution Number: 2026-04-01-241

Moved by: Lucas.

Seconded by: Ostrander.

Council Meeting Date: April 15, 2026

"**That** the Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee receive the correspondence from Township of North Dumfries regarding 'Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025', for information and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council ~~receive~~ support. the correspondence ~~for information.~~"

Carried _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

The TOWNSHIP of
NORTH DUMFRIES
106 Earl Thompson Road, 3rd Floor
PO Box 1060
Ayr, ON N0B 1E0

March 11, 2026

Sent via Email:
Premier of Ontario, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Brian Riddel, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario

RE: Resolution – Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025

Please be advised, at the Council Meeting held on March 9, 2026 the Township of North Dumfries Council considered the enclosed resolution received from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

> *"THAT the Resolution received from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025 be received;*
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> *WHEREAS arable land is a critical finite resource; and*
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> *WHEREAS Ontario loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day; and*
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> *WHEREAS Ontario's farmland provides food, fiber and fuel to all of Ontario and beyond;*
>
> *NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of North Dumfries support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and*
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> *That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Brian Riddell, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario."*

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ashley Good, Clerk
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February 20, 2026

Re: Township of Southgate – Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

Please be advised that at the February 18, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2026-073
Moved By Councillor Shipston
Seconded By Councillor Ferguson

WHEREAS arable land is a critical finite resource; and
WHEREAS Ontario loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day; and
WHEREAS Ontario's farmland provides food, fiber and fuel to all of Ontario and beyond;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Southgate support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure t protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and
That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Paul Vickers, Senator Rob Black, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Green

Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

CC: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture Food and Agribusiness
Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
MPP Paul Vickers – Bruce – Grey – Owen Sound
Senator Rob Black
Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Municipalities in Ontario